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PERCHED ON TOP THE POLE

President Thomas' Linemen Were Safe From Arrest.

POLICEMEN WAITED BELOW

Two Electric Wire Stringers Grinned at the Commands of the Officers to Come Down and Get in the Patrol Wagon-The Officials Taken Into Custody for Erecting the Pole.

Two grinning electric light linemen perch ed upon a teicgraph pole, three policemen underneath vainly oldering them to come down, a patrol wagon yearning for pris-opers, and an amused crowd of laughing and jeering spectators was the scene pre-sented at the northeast corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Fiftcenth street this

morning about 10 o'clock.

It was the climax of the erection, under cover of darkness, at midnight last night, of the telegraph pole in the face of a refusal of the District Commissioners to Issue a permit for the work to be done.

A short time previously President A. A. Thomas, of the United States Electric Lighting Company, was arrested on a warrant charging him with defacing public property. Frederick H. Chamberlain, supertendent of the company, and William W. Burnett, a lineman, were arrested on the charge of occupying public space without authority. The second charge was also made applicable to Capt. Thomas.

THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE. The particular pole that caused all of the rouble was erected just after midnight this morning at the corner of Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. An old decayed pole, that every minute threatens to deposit its upper half on the heads of pedestrians below, stands right beside the

Some days ago Capt. Thomas asked the Commissioners to permit him to change the



Linemen Laughed at the Policeman.

pole for a new one. They told him there was a conduit handy and to put the wires in that. The president of the company said the conduit was already overcrowded, and gave notice that the pole Fould go up, even if the whole Metropolitan police force tried to prevent it. And the pole is up.

Capt. Thomas consulted with his men yesterday, and just as the clocks were striking 12 last night, almost a score of linemen came up Fifteenth street with a pole on a wagon. It was just the time of the "shift" in the patrol squad, and quicker Patrolman Oriani got back to his beat just in time to see enough to alarm him.

and acting under orders he swore out a warrant for the president of the company this morning. When Capt. Thomas heard of the warrant he immediately went to the First precinct

station-house. THE LINEMEN WOULDN'T BUDGE.

In the meantime Policeman Mellin, acting upon the instructions of Lieut. Amiss, had laid in wait in the neighborhood of the pole, and when he saw Supt. Chemberlain and several linemen push up their little handwagen to the base of the pole and prepare for action he sent in a call for the

By the time the wagon, in charge of Patrolman Loftus and Driver Tom Van Zardt, arrived two of the men had climbed the pole, a third had his head in the wagon looking for wire fand the superintendent was standing on the sidewalk.

man looking in the cart, and gave him a vank that jerked the ladder off the vehicle. and started him on a jump for the patrol wagon. Then he turned his attention to the two men in the network of wires at the top of the pole.

down from there, you men!" shouted Loftus. "We don't want to," they shouted back derisively, as they went grinningly on with

Why don't yer climb de pole after im?" asked a messenger boy, whose sympa-

thies were plainly with the men-"You men stay up there and finish the " shouted Supt. Chamberlin, as he began to fear the two would weaken. "He's

Then Loftus called out to Mellin from This man gave them instructions to

stay there, Mr. Mellin. Put him under arrest, too." CARRIED THEM TO THE STATION. Bo Mellin took the superintendent by the

arm and marched him off to the wagon, but neither threats nor entreaties could prevail upon the two linemen in the wires to come down-

The wagon with the two prisoners went back to the stationhouse, where Capt. Thomas had arrived before them. Policeman Mellin caught Burnett, the

watch the two men at the top of the pole. He tried the rope used by them to lift material and tools around the bottom of the sole, and then sat down on the big steps at the entrance of the Corcoran building to see that the men did not get away by walking over the wires that led to the poleoutheothersideof Pennsylvaninavenue.

AT THE POLICE COURT. Capt. Thomas, Chamberlain and Bur nett went to police court with Policeman Williams. The warrant was replaced by two informations made out by Mr. Pugh. the assistant district attorney, and the personal bonds of Capt. Thomas were two employes, and all three will appear in police court next Monday morning

The three men laughed and chatted as Mr. Pugh made out the informations. "I don't doubt but that Major Powell will have a warrant for mc pretty soon, charging me with contempt," said Capt. Thomas, laughingly. "Why, we had to do something. The Western Union people proposed that Times

pole for us only yesterday to keep it from falling over. What were we to do?"
"How many men did you have to put it up." as the reporter.
"Oh. we had enough."

"Was it true that you were there watch-"No, I was at home and asleep at the

"What will be your defense to the "I can't tell, for I haven't made that out

Policeman Mellin watched on, however, about the two men up the pole. They were without material to work with and all they could do was to sit on the large crossbars and laugh at the crowd below. Shortly after 12 o'clock they asked the officer to send them up their lunch baskets. He replied if they would come down they

ould get them. Fifteen minutes later the baskets came sliding down two telephone wires that ran from the top of the old pole to the roof of the Corcoran building. Some friend had climbed on top of the big building and dropped the two baskets down the wires. The two linemen sat and ate on the cross seces, while the crowd below cheered.
Shortly before 1 o'clock Mr. Chamber

lain returned to the pole and directed the two men to climb down. Their names were Daniel Scanlon and Philip F. Bash The waiting policeman immediately placed

em under arrest, and they were marched off to the station bouse. They, too, were carried to the police court, where Capt Thomas went on their bond to appear Mon-The men succeeded in getting three wires

strung on the new pole. "That will do for the present" said Mr. Chamberlain. "and it will be enough to show whether we have the right to make the

NO BALTIMORE EXPOSITION

Majority of Directors Sign Resolutions to Abandon the Project.

International Complications, Monetary Policy of the Government and Failure of B. & O. the Reasons.

Baltimore, March 6 .- The scheme to hold Baltimore Centennial Exposition in 1897 received a black eye last night, when twenty-one of the thirty-eight directors signed a resolution, wherein it was stated that "the unsettled financial condition of the affairs of this country, increased international complications and uncertainty as to the monetary policy of the general government, the failure of our largest railway company and the refusal of the wealthiest citizens and corporations to subscribe make it evident that the efforts to hold an exposition here in 1897 should be abandoned-or post-

The resolution further stated that the books and papers should be deposited for safe keeping so as to be available "when an improved condition of affairs gives promise of success." The resolution was adopted by the directors and will be presented to a meeting of the stockholders, to be held March 18, and, if then ratified, The exposition project has been agitated

for three years, but most of the work has been done in the past year. A city ordinance was adopted providing for the ap-propriation of half a million dollars, the money to be available as soon as the ex-position company had raised a like amount. The State legislature now has in hand a bill for a \$200,000 appropriation, but the company has only succeeded in getting

\$370.000 guaranteed subscriptions. The young men's auxiliary committee of the exposition, which recently began work on the project, held a meeting subsequent to the directors' meeting, and after re-lieving their minds as to the "air-tight methods of the old fogies," etc., resolved to carry the exposition through and before adjourning subscribed over \$12. 000 additional stock.

It is doubtful, however, if the vouns men's enthusiasm will win in a battle with the locked and barred coffers of the oil men.

ROBBED A CHURCH.

St. Paul's Episcopal Suffered Slightly Other Crimes Committed.

Four cases of robbery were reported to Inspector Hollinberger at detective head-quarters today. One of the buildings robbed was St. Paul's Episcopal Church, on Twen ty-third street, between I and K streets northwest.

The rector, Rev. Alfred Harding, reported that the structure was entered by thieves, who stole a clock and three ther mometers.

A black dress suit of clothes and an over oat were stolen from the residence of Ed H. Ryan, No. 810 New Jersey avenue orthwest. Mr. Ryan states that an unknown white man rented a room in his use, and left suddenly and mysteriously vesterday, taking the garments with him. A black cloth overcoat was stolen from

V. Douglass, of 308 F street northwest. The room of T. P. Hunt. at No. 1339 F street northwest, was entered and robbed of an overcoat, pair of gloves and silk handkerchief.

Two Corpses of Infants.

Two dead colored infants were found esterday afternoon and turned over to be police. The first was hauled out of uddy waters of the Potomac, at the foot of H street northwest, by Humphrey Howard, colored. It was removed to station No. 3, in the patrol wagon. The second tiny corpse was found by Police nan Frank Hughes, of the Fourth pre cinct, at the corner of Delaware avenu and Canal street southwest.

Attacked by Highwaymen Kennett Square, Pa., March 6.-William C. Robey of Londongrove was attacked by ing as he was driving home from West Chester. One man held his horse while the other attempted to get in the wagon Mr. Robey beat one man off, and when the other came to his assistance Mr. Robey started his horse and escaped.

Another Cup Challenger for '97. London, March 6.—Sir George Newnes, the wealthy publisher, for whom a yacht is being built by the Henderson Brothers at Glasgow, today informed the representative of the United Press that he to challenge with the new boat for the America's cup in 1897. He also stated that the details of the yacht had not yet been

Every child in Washington will want "The Brownies," the complete theater presented with next Sunday's

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A Fair Fight and No Favorites.

CONFLICT WITH TROOPS

Soldiers, Policemen and Civilians Injured-Notice Given of a Motion in Parliament Demanding the Abandonment of the Italian Colony in

Rome, March 6.-The excitement and anger of the people brought about by the reverses sustained in Africa by the Italian army, and for which the Crispi ministry is held directly responsible, continues inabated. Mobs are still gothering through out the various cities and towns of the kingdom, and show their displeasure by creating disorder and destroying property. A number of persons have been injured in these disturbances, and the police and military have made many arrests. At Pisa yesterday the students, believ-

ing that several batteries of artillery which were leaving the place were to start for Africa, marched in a body to the railway station shouting "Down with Crispi,"
"Give us back our soldiers," etc. On their way they burned copies of the Tribuna and Nazion, government organs. MOBRIOTS IN MILAN.

A mob at Milan marched to the railway station last evening and smashed the rindows of that building, which the took possession of in order to prevent the departure of troops, which it had been re-ported were about to start for Africa. The report turned out to be unfounded, but that did not have the effect of quieting the mob, who continued to occupy the

The troops finally made an assault upon building and drove the students out. After the station had been cleared, the disurbances were renewed in the streets and kept up until 12 o'clock in the morning. In many scuffles which occurred several policemen and civilians were in-

jured. A large number of arrests were made.
The prefect of Milan this morning issued proclamation forbidding the people to A mob gathered in Parma last evening. which the police tried to disperse. The mob attacked the police with stones, whereupon the police fired a volley over the beads of the crowd. The mob, believ ing that the police were firing into them scattered in every direction in great haste.

A group of members of the right bave given notice of their intention to move the Chamber of Deputies a resolution demanding the complete abandonment of the Italian colony of Erythrea, in

Abyssinia. Further advices from the Italian head quarters in Abyssinia say that large bodies of troops, who were supposed to have per-ished in the route of the Italian forces last Sunday, are now coming into the Italian camp. The Shoans did not follow in pursuit of the retreating Italians,

The troops attribute their stampede to

the fact that the Askaris (native troops inder Gen. Arimondi turned in the face of the enemy and rushed back upon their suports. The Abyssinians followed them in uch hot baste that they became hopelessly mingled with the Italians, so that they al became packed into a defile, neither being able to deploy. The consequence was that there was a general panic among the Ital lan troops.

Rome, March 6 .- It is reported that with King Humbert, has gone to Abyssinia on a special mission to King Menclek.

THE BISMARCK OF ITALY.

Crispi, Who Has Ruled Italy's Poli ties With Iron Hand.

Crispi, Who Has Ruled Italy's Polities With Iron Hand.

Signor Francesco Crispi, who has at various times been designated the "Bismarck" and "Grand Old Man" or Italian politics, has, after a long and varied career, wound up his political life as prime minister of his country.

Born on October 4, 1819, at Ribera, Sicily, he early entered political life. He was married three times. On the first occasion, while yet a student and against the wishes of their relations, he married Maria Sciara, daughter of his landlord. They lived happily together for two years, and then she died.

Next, while confined in prison for his participation in Mazzini's abortive revolution, in Lombardy, he fell in love with Rosalie Montmasson, daughter of the woman who washed the prisoners' clothes. No sooner was he out of prison than he hastened to a priest and married Rosalie. Then they left the country.

When he was allowed to return to Italy Rosalie began the life of a fine lady, and it agreed with her to such an extent that she soon had Crispi over head and ears in debt she was likewise extremely jealous of him, and he was at length driven to a choice of two alternatives—sending heraway ordesertion. He sent her to be country and gave her a large allowance.

He then married the daughter of a prominent official in Syracuse. He was accused of bigany, but a judicial commission held that his marriage to Rosalie was null and void, as no civil ceremony had taken place. Rosalie-still lives and Mne. Crispi is well known as one of the monarchy. Always in hot water, he joined the revolt of 1848, and was pronounced the "most dangerous of the enemies of the know." He canged arrest, but spent a long time in exile at Turin. This great man has been the mainstay of the enemies of the know. "He canged arrest, but spent a long time in exile at Turin. This great man has been the mainstay of the enemies of the known as one of the known as a long time in exile at Turin. This great man has been the

TALY WILD WITH RAGE

three years ago, the financial affairs of Italy seemed irretrievably compromised. Yet he set to work to build them up again. He had also to quelt rebellion, which he did by shooting down the malcontents, and to win the good opinion of the Vatican, and he succeeded.

Under the administration confidence in Italian credit has increased. Rentes have risen, African colonies have been enlarged, and impending trouble with France warded off. His triumph was not to be a larged and impending trouble with France warded off. His triumph was not to be a Baratieri was the death-knell of Crispi as a great political lender.

MONTEREY IN A GALE.

Everything Movable Was Swept Off the Big Vessel's Decks.

San Francisco, March 6.—The coast defense vessel Monterey arrived in port yesterday from San Diego, The Montercy had orders at San Diego to proceed to Puget Sound and was on her way there when she acountered a gale off Santa Barbara and lost two of her boats.

The seas swept entirely over her decks carrying everything movable before them The Monterey put in at Santa Barbara. It is expected she will remain in port a week and then proceed to Puget Sound.

BOLDLY DEFIES THE LAW

Immense Crowd Surrounds the House of Outlaw Etlingier.

heriff and Posse on Hand-He Will Probably Be Lynched if He Is Disludged.

Bellefonte, Pa., March 6 .- The situation at Woodward this morning is practically unchanged insthe attempt to arrest William Etlinger, who yesteblay, inresisting arrest, shot Constables John L. Barner and Frank Geiswhite. Etiinger is still barricaded in his house with his family and delies arrest. He uses his gun frequently.

The house is this morning surrounded by at least 2,000 persons, all of whom, however, remain at a safe distance. The sheriff with his posse is still at the scene Members of the sheriff's posse returned to Bellefonte at 4 o'clock this morning and corroborate all the details sent out last night, and also state that some five last night have been shot by Etlinger but are not dangerously hurt. The sheriff has sent for twenty-five additional well armed deputies and a new supply of

He would burn the house or blow it un ith dynamite were it not for the Etlinger children, who were in the house. It is the outcome. If Etlinger should be cap-

Bellefonte, Pa., March 6 .- At 11:30 'clock this morning the sheriff's posse fired the house. It burned rapidiy, and the woman, with her two children, was soon forced to fice to escape death in the

Etlinger lingered behind, and it was just when the building was about to collapse he appeared at the cellar door.

The officers called on him to surrender. He did not answer, but, with a determina-tion begotten by despair, he placed a pistol to his head and blew out his brains. The body of the constable was then recovered from the burning building.

COATS IS CANNIBALISTIC.

He Tried to Chew Off Several of Policeman Sullivan's Fingers Although John Coats, colored, is only seventeen years of age, he has a record in the Seventh precinct as a "police

today, charged by Policeman Sullivan with assaulting him. The assault consisted of an attempt to chew off several of the po-

Bullivan had placed the boy under ar-rest for profamily in an alley opening into P street between Thirty-sixin and Thirtyseventh streets. Contactine wseveral glasses at the patrolman, and closed his jaws on his fingers. Lawyer McNally made a fined him only \$10, or thirty days in fail.

Sneak Thief Bowser Sent to Jail. Judge Miller disposed of one sneak thicf today. He sent William Bowser, colored, to jail for two months. Bowser was arested by Detectives Carter and Gallah for stealing a military overcost, hat and liam T. Walker's residence, No. 627 Mary-

Robbed in a Lodging House. Charles Foster of No. 1617 L street northwest reported at the First precinct sta-ion house today that a \$20 bill was stolen from his pocket while he stept in a lodging house, No. 1006 Pennsylvania avenue, last night. He applied for a lodging about 8 o'clock and was assigned to room 5. When he arese, about 8 o'cleck this morning, he liscovered that the money, which he had placed in his vest pocket the night before, was missing. Detective Button of the First precinct was assigned to the case.

Merchant Tallors to Dine. The indications are that the annual banmet of the Merchant Tailors' Exchange, to quet of the Merchant Tailors Exchange, to be held on the 12th instant at the Raleigh, will be the most successful affair in the his-tory of the society. Monthers of the craft from other cities and a veral speakers of national prominence have signified their intention to be on based.

SPAIN HAS A WAR FEVER

Cadiz Arsenal Hard at Work Making Guns and Ammunition.

APOLOGIZES FOR INSULTS

Pall Mall Gezette's Madrid Correspo dent Denies Truth of Report That France Has Offered to Loan Her Neighbor Money, and DeclaresSpain Has Made No Alliances as Yet.

Madrid, March 6 .- The arsenal at Cadiz s being worked to its full capacity in the canufacture of guns, cartridges for artillery, etc., and the greatest activity

The city of Barcelona is perfectly quiet, Meetings were held at Valladolid, Granada and Ovidio last night, calling upon the government to adopt most energetic neasures. The governor of Valencia has apologized

to the United States consul there for the hostile attitude of the rioters in that city toward the consolate, which was attacked with stones and other missiles by the THANKS FOR SYMPATHY.

It is proposed in several towns that ad dresses be signed thanking the British and French press for the expressions of sympathy with Spain and be handed to the consuls of those countries. London, March 6 -A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Madrid positively

denies the truth of the report telegraphed from Madrid to the London Times yesterday morning that negotiations in respect to Spain's request for French aid in her loan operations had led Spain to consent that the French shall occupy Tuat, in Cen-tral Africa, and to a reaffirmation of a community of interest in Morocco.

SPAIN HAS NO ALLY.

The correspondent added that the French mbassador at Madrid submitted proesals for a large loan and the sun commercial concessions by Spain and her romise that she will not contract other alitances and will give guarantees concerning future French naval operations on the

This the Gazette's correspondent also denies, and adds: "Spain has received the sympathy of the European powers, but it is not believed that she has yet made any alliances."

Lisbon, March 6 .- The Commercio de Portugal says: The conduct of the United States of America in regard to the Cuban revolt is unique and without precedent in history, and will cause a complete disturbance of international rights, unless the nations of Europe rise and join Spain.

Havana, March 6 .- Capt. Gen. Weyler has issued a circular to the various military commanders instructing them to arrest po more civilians for deportation except upon indisputable proof of their connection with the insurrection. All officers making arrests based upon evidence furnished by interested parties will be held to strict accountability.

TALMAGE'S SONS FAIL

Their Liabilities Reported to Be Over \$200,000.

New York, March 6 .- Daniel Talmage ons, rice merchants, of this city, with branches at Charleston and New Orleans, ssigned today to Joseph Gillet, giving preferences to sixty-nine creditors, for ers in Louisiana. Georgia and Mississippi for rough rice delivered to the firm,

amounts ranging from \$20 to \$1,500. The largest preferences are to L. O. Hills of Welsh, La., \$1,500; Revenal & Co., of Charleston, S. C., \$1,397, and the National Rice Milling Company of Wilmington, N. C. \$809.

in this city and have been established forty ix years. The partners are John F. and Daniel Talmage. The liabilities are not definitely known, but are currently reported to be over \$200,000.

DISCRIMINATION IN TURKEY.

Papers Permanently Excluded. London, March 6 .- The correspondent of he United Press in Constantinople telegraphs that the Washington Post and Even ng Star and the New York Tribune, World and Life have been permanently prohibited by the porte from entering Turkey.

The subcommittee of the Ways and Means measures relating to free alcohol, today eported to the full committee favorably the bill of Mr. C. W. Stone of Pennsylvania repealing section 6 of the tariff law of

Demanded a Jury Trial. Robert Simms, the colored youth who fired a pistol at Detective Rhedes in South Washington last night, was a prisoner in the dock of Judge Miller's police court this forenoon. He was charged with assault with intent to kill and also carrying a deadly weapon. Simms demanded a jury trial, and the case went over,

RUSH TO THE GOLD FIELDS.

Hundreds of Miners Bound for the Interior of Aluska.

San Francisco, March 6. The steamer City of Puebla, which sailed yesterday, had on board a large party of miners under command of Capt. John H. Johnson, bound for the gold mines, 760 miles in the in-terior of Alaska. Their destination is forty miles from Birch Creek, near Dyer ettlement, which they expect to reach in May. The party is fully equipped.

Fort Townsend, Wash., March 6 - The steamship Topeka sailed at noon yesterday with the largest passenger list ever carried with, made up of 300 miners, for the gold fields of the famous Cook's Inlet and Yukon country. Nearly as many more have engaged passage for a future trip. The steamship Alki arrived yesterday and already her entire accommodation has been spoken for. The rush to the North is unprecedented.

VICTORY FOR THE PAPER.

Libel Suits Against the Utica Observer Disposed of.

Utica, N. Y., March 6.-The Tyndale Palmer and De Freitas suits against the Utica Observer, tried in Rome before Judge Scripture, ended yesterday afternoon. The Palmer suit for \$25,000 resulted in a verdict of only \$25 for Palmer. In the De Freitas case the jury found for the defendant, "no cause of action."

In both the Observer suits the defense olead the truth of the alleged libelous publication and produced as a witness Herpert E. White, of Brooklyn, who went to South America after the transactions of Palmer and De Freitas in Rio Janeiro and reported to the Welsbach Incandescent Light Company, of Philadelphia, of which White's uncle, Gazzam, was vice-presi-

HOUSE IS STILL HARPING

Marshals' Fee and Salary Bill Consumes Another Session.

Action of Gen. Carlin in Saving Snow bound Men Under Fire-Bill for His Relief.

By unanimous consent, the following seasures were passed by the House today: House bill requiring pension agents to make all payments of pensions by check. Senate bill repealing the law requiring he judge of the United States court for southern district of Florida to reside

at Key West. Senate amendments were agreed to, to the House bill making seven years' continued and unexplained absence of a sol-dier sufficient proof of death in applica-

tions for pensions.

Mr. Hull unsuccessfully endeavored to ain consideration of a bill to relieve Gen-W. P. Cartin of liability on account of the expenditure of \$1.180 made by a quarermaster officer in the fall of 1893 in searching for a party of students who were snowed in in a canen in Bitter Root Mountains, and who, without the aid of the regular army, would have perished.

Mr. Wilson asked if this was a party con-

sisting of Gen. Carlin's son and some other young men who deserted a citizen of Idaho and left him to die. Mr. Hull responded that there was nothing in the record to show that fact. The party comprised a number of students, under a professor, who were snowed in in a canon in September, and but for the aid of the army, would have perished. Gen. ely from the

Secretary Lamont and Gen. Schoffeld, who vas then at the head of the army, recommended Congress to pay this sum. In addition to that amount, Gen. Carlin had expended over \$1,500 of his money in making the search. "Does the gentleman now ob-ject." asked Mr. Hill in conclusion.

Mr. Wilson-I haven't heard a satisfactory explanation yet-The bill went over-Mr. McCail then moved that the House proceed in committeee of the whole to further consider the fee and salary amendment to the legislative, executive and Judi-

cial appropriation bill. It was agreed to, and Mr. Hepburn took the chair. An amendment was agreed to, prohibiting the beginning of any prosecution under the internal revenue laws upon complaint of a private citizen, except by the written approval of the district attorney.

Victous Fellows Who Assaulted and

Robbed John Craig. The South Washington highwaymen, Timothy J. Hanion, white, and William Long, alias "Larney," colored, were arraigned in Judge Miller's court today by Police man Knupfer. They are both low-browed. vicious fellows, and stolidly looked on as

the witnesses described the crime they had The first witness called was John Craig. heir victim, of No. 420 Third street southwest, who spoke in badly broken English.

Being asked his nationality, Craig blurted "I'm vat you calls a Maitese." How is that?" queried Judge Miller, with a puzzled expression of countenance. "He was born on the island of Maita,"

volunteered Policeman Knupfer. passing along Virginia avenue, between Second and Third streets southwest, last night when he was held up and robbed. He was under the influence of liquor and did not remember much about the occurence. The amount taken from him was \$25. Two colored witnesses, Brown and James, testified to witnessing the hold-up. The

prisoners sprang into Craig's wagon. Long, the negro, held one hand over Craig's nouth, while with the other he seized the reins and checked the horses. Hanlon in the meantime went through the victim's pockets and secured his purse. Both men then ran away. They were captured later in the night by Policemen Knupfer,

the highway robbery. Judge Miller held the prisoners for the grand jury in \$500 bonds each. Watervliet Arsenal Appropriations Secretary Lamont sent to the House today

Shannon, Baker and Scramlin, Hanlon pro

additional estimates of appropriations of \$447,030 for armament of fortifications and \$3.500 for Watervielt arsenal, West Ye Olde Folks' Concert. At Hamline M. E. Church this evening an interesting and novel entertain will be given, consisting of vocal and in strumental music, "readin" and speakin',

and other features. A pleasing program will be rendered in the shape of "Ye Olde

TRYING TO OUST NORRIS

Lively Raw Imminent Over the Election of a Delegate.

COALITION IS CHARGED

treet Rumors Lead to a Spicy Correspondence Among Local Demoeratic Politicians-It Is Claimed That the Former Delegate Has Re ceived Indorsement of A. P.A.

There is war in the camp of the local emocracy. It has developed within the past two weeks and promises to cul-minate in a political row which will out-

hadow all previous dissensions. The largest plum on the tree of local Democracy is the position of national ommitteeman for the District. Mr. James L. Norris is the present incumbent, but it is understood that several aspirants are in the field to take this honor from him, and among those spoken of as his suc-cessor are Lawrence Gardner, William Dickson, and John Boyle.

OPPOSED TO MR. NORRIS. It is alleged that Mr. William Holmead, who is the chairman of the central comnittee, is opposed to Mr. Norris, and in order to clip that gentleman's wings in the scramble for the place, has implied that Mr. Norris is in league with Mr. J. B. Burke, the A. P. A. candidate, to break the local convention combine

The matter was first brought to light when Mr. Edward C. Dawson wrote the for lowing to Mr. Norris

SPICY CORRESPONDENCE. SPICY CORRESPONDENCE.

James L. Norris, Esq., Wassington, D. C.:
Dear Sir. Yesterday, the 25th of February, 1896. While in the company of another geoleman at the corner of Sixth street and Louisina avenue. I met Mr. William Holmead, who made the following statement, viz: "That Mr. Burke was either at Mr. Norris office or that Mr. Norris was in daily communication with him, and that he (Mr. Holmead) cound produce those who knew this to be the fact."
Please state if there be any trath in Mr. Holmead's assertions. Very respectfully.

EDWARD C. DAWSON

Of Nineteenth Legislative District.
This was replied to by Mr. Norris as follows:

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February 29th, 1896.

Mr. Edward C. Dawson, Chy:
My Bear Sir-Referring to your note of the 27th inst., asking as to the truth of a certain statement ascribed to Mr. William Holmead, chairman of the Central Democratic Committee, respecting my alleged connection with ex-Warden Burko and his associates, about having my support for their election as delegates to the Chicago Convention, I have to say that, if Mr. Holmead made such a statement, it is wholly without warrant or foundation of any kind, and Mr. Holmead, on the mothing of the same day, and from my own mouth a full denial of the truth of the rumor printed in the Evening Star of February 22d, that I was supporting Mr. Burke for delegate to the Unicago Convention.

It is impossible that he should have after-

Borke for delegate to the Chicago Convention.

It is impossible that he should have afterward, on the same day, made the statement you ascribe to him unless he had taken leave of all his senses methashonor as a man of truth. I cannot doubt the accuracy of your hearing what Mr. Hofmead suit to you. I have written to Mr. Holmead suit to you. I have written to Mr. Holmead suit to you. I have written to Mr. Holmead suit to you add the same written and asking him to send me his answer by return of mail. If I hear from hom. I was advise you. Yours, very truly,

"IDLE STREET GOSSIP."

Then followed a letter to Mr. Holmead.

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from Mr. Norris on the same date. It read:

Mr. William Holmend, Washington, B. C.;

My Dear Sir. I was surprised to have a visit from Mr. Dawson winhis two hours after my conversation with you the other day, February 25, in the city hall grounds, in reterence to the rumor of my support of ex-Warden Barke, printed in the Star, who said be had just left you and that you had distinctly saited to another in his nearing that "Mr. Burke was either at Mr. Norris' office or that Mr. Norris was in daily communication with him, and that he (Mr. Holmead) could preduce those who knew this to be the fact."

Mr. Dawson subsequently addressed me a note under date of 27th bust, asking meto state if there be any truth in Mr. Holmead's statement. I inclose his letter to me that you may consider the same.

I have, therefore, to ask you to write me by return mail whether or not you did make, on that occasion, the statement ascribed to you as a matter of simple justice to myself and all concerned. Yours very truly,

JAMES L. NORKIS.

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Mr. Holmead, in his answer, fails to reply to the questions of Mr. Norris and evasively alludes to the assertions as idle street rumors. The following is a copy of his letter.

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Washington, D. C., March 2, 1896.

James L. Norris, Esq., City.

Dear Sir Your letter of February 29 has been received and consbæred. In reply I desire to state that I do not propose to be drawn into any controversy with you over alle street runnors and gos sip that are of no cartaly consequence to anybody, and are not worthy of the attention of any intelligent mans.

"This is no time for Democrats to stir up dissensions of a factional sort, and I, for one, will not be a party to any such attempt. Very respectfully.

WILLIAM HOLMEAD.

MR. NORRIS AROUSED. The above communication fully aroused Mr. Nerris, who seented an attempt to shirk the question at issue and allow the question to remain unexplained. He wrote

final communication to Mr. Holmend as follows.

Mr. William Holmead, Chy.

Dear Str. Your note of the 2d instant is received. As you decline to deny the state ment imputed to you I stall hereafter treat the words as having been attered by you in the streets of the city and shall regard you as one of the authors of these very street rumors' and take possing, which you now so laftly affect to distain.

This correspondence will be published to expose a plot here to place me in a lafse position before the Femocracy of the District and to exhibit you as the man who, as chairman of the central committee, is attempting to introduce the religious question into our local politics and thereby elevate yourself into some position of consequence at the expense of those whom you belie and spurm.

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When you say, "this is no time for bemocrats to stir up dissension of a factional sort, and I, for one, will not be a party to such an attempt," you give a fine illustration of it, when you stand on the streetcorners and belie a fellow-Bennocrat.

If you think that this canduct will qualify you for the support of the District Democracy in sending you to the Chicago convention, and if they think that a man gully of such conduct as worthy of their favor, why, then, you may succeed in your plot, but not till then. Respectfully.

JAMES L. NORRIS.

Mr. Norris had received no reply to his last letter up to noon today. To a Times reporter Mr. Norris denied any coalition with Mr. Burke, as charged by Mr. Holmead. "I have no knowledge,

he said, "of any ticket being put in the

field by the A. P. A., and as for my leading t, that is out of the question. From A.P. A. sources it was learned auticket of that organization. In fact, the association has not yet made up a ticket, and only Mr. Burke is said to be receiving heir support.

Guilty of Many Robbertes. Detectives Helan, Lacey and Boyd have instened seven cases of speak thievery colored, whom they arrested Wednesday